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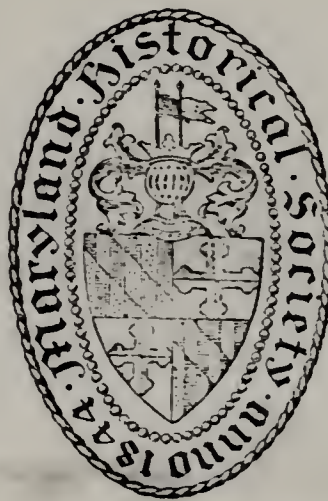
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*Henry Siberts and Mary Kinsey,
his wife*

TO
THE MEMORY
OF
MY GRANDFATHER,
HENRY SIBERTS.

A pioneer,
A good man,
A kind friend,
A faithful Christian,
A loyal citizen.

A REAL MAN

Men are of two kinds, and he
Was the kind I'd like to be.
No door at which he ever knocked
Against his manly form was locked.
If ever man on earth was free
And independent, it was he.
No broken pledge lost him respect,
He met all men with head erect.
And when he passed, I think there went
A soul to yonder firmament
So white, so splendid and so fine
It came almost to God's design.

Edgar A. Guest.

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INTRODUCTION

It is the purpose of this little book to preserve the pedigrees and the historic incidents of this Siberts family which otherwise might be lost. If it is necessary to preserve the pedigrees of animals, how much more important it is to keep records of a worthy family.

It is said that those who have no pride in posterity, have no interest in their ancestry. Those, who cannot trace their lineage, condemn it as foolish and a waste of time. In America a desire to know ones ancestors is very general. Much genealogical research has been done by compilers of family histories to collect data and incidents relating to the writing of such publications.

In gathering data for our Siberts history the author has made a trip to Beaver County, Pa., to examine court records and deeds and to secure tombstone records where members of the Siberts, Kinsey and Todd families have been buried. Records from cemeteries at Le Claire and Winfield, Iowa have been obtained as well as information gleaned from church records, family Bibles, old letters, census records, county histories and Henry county court records. Many letters of inquiry asking for information have been written. The interest and cooperation of the members of the family has been very fine, almost without exception, for which the author wishes to express her thanks and appreciation to all who have contributed in any way.

Such information as we have about the Todd family has been worked on by Mr. W. A. Jenkins of Enon Valley, Pa., who is now gathering data for the publication of a Todd history, Miss Elizabeth McDole of Willows, California and the author of this Siberts history.

The series of 33 letters written between 1855 and 1882 by friends and relatives in Beaver Co., Pa. to Henry Siberts and daughter, Rachel, have contributed much in solving the Todd, Kinsey and Siberts relationships. It is regretted that time and space do not permit the printing of all of these letters.

This work is not complete nor free from error but every precaution possible has been taken to make it true to fact in so far as the author has been able to find proofs for, and with information given by different members of the family.

In the numbering system used in this book, two numbers have been given each descendant who has become the progenitor of a new family. The number preceding the name indicates the new line established and the number following, refers the individual to the original family to which he belonged.

It is the hope of the author that this little volume may be the basis of further research and that some member of the family will continue this history at some future time, giving a more complete story than can be given at this time.

CHAPTER I

HENRY SIBERTS AND FAMILY

(1) Henry Siberts (Seibert) was born in Hagerstown, Maryland on June 15, 1810 according to information left by him in his own handwriting. No proof has been found as to who his parents (a) were. Apparently he was left an orphan about the year 1820 or 1821. A record of his indenture (b) has been found, dated Feb. 13, 1821, by which the Hagerstown Orphans Court bound Henry Seibert "unto Anthony Campbell to learn the business of a cordwainer (shoemaker)." By this same agreement his master was to send Henry to school to "learn to read, write and cypher through the rule of three." The author has been informed by grandchildren of Henry Siberts that the master, Anthony Campbell, did not keep the latter part of the agreement as Henry did not learn to read and write until he was nearly a grown man and then did so largely by his own efforts. In his later years he was a great reader, his literature consisting of his Bible, his newspapers, the Burlington Hawkeye and Toledo Blade, and a church paper.

As a small boy, Henry Seiberts was taken to Pennsylvania, probably to Pittsburg or vicinity and worked with his master as an itinerant shoemaker as was the custom at that time. In going from home to home, he became familiar with the country around Pittsburg or Allegheny County, Pa. (formerly a part of Washington Co.) and learned the customs and habits of the pioneers. This formed a part of his education and developed his friendly interest in people which characterized the remainder of his life.

By the terms of his indenture, Henry was to have his freedom when twenty-one years of age (1831). Soon after, on May 9, 1832 he married (2) Elizabeth P. Murray who was born in Belfast, Ireland on Nov. 17, 1812. It is thought that both were living in Pittsburg or vicinity at that time. To this union were born three children,

(3) Edward, Aug. 14, 1833—Aug. 3, 1895

(4) George, Jan. 25, 1835—Sept. 18, 1911

(5) A still born infant, Nov. 27, 1837

The mother died at the birth of the last child.

As early as 1834, Henry Siberts lived in Ohioville, Pa. or vicinity. An old deed, dated May 4, 1834, given him for a lot in Fairview (c), a few miles east of Ohioville, is evidence of this fact. While a resident of Ohioville he worked at his shoemakers' trade and carried on farming. He acquired better than ninety acres of land, part of it adjoining the village of Ohioville. His house stood on the north side of the main street, running through the village which was then the old Tuscararas Road, now Route 168 Pennsylvania Highway.

On May 3, 1838 Henry Siberts married (6) Mary Kinsey of Bea-

a. See appendix for a, b and c.

ver Co., Pa. She was born Oct. 25, 1813 and was the daughter of Henry and Elizabeth (Todd) Kinsey. The following children (d) were born to them.

- (7) Cyrus, Feb. 24, 1839—July 11, 1903
- (8) Elizabeth, no date—page torn in Bible
- (9) Rachel Ann, Feb. 23, 1841—Feb. 1, 1863
- (10) Jonathan Kinsey, Aug. 11, 1843—Jan. 16, 1906
- (11) Samuel Wesley, June 19, 1847—Mch. 3, 1908
- (12) Ismelda, Feb. 24, 1850—Mch. 21, 1851
- (13) Henry Kossuth, Dec. 11, 1851—Sept. 14, 1899
- (14) Jefferson, July 3, 1854—June 20, 1855

On Sept. 3, 1848 Henry Siberts was appointed United States postmaster (e) at Ohioville, Pa. He also served seven years in the Beaver County (Pa.) Rangers in full uniform in Capt. Daniel Dawson's Company. His certificate (f) of service is dated June 25, 1845.

In reading the histories of Beaver County, Pa., we find many references to families associated with the Siberts family—the Todds, Kinseys, Malones and Dawsons—indicating that there was a settlement of Maryland people in Beaver County at that early date.

In 1855 emigrants from Pennsylvania and the eastern states were coming to Iowa, taking up homesteads or buying land from the government or railroads. Henry Siberts, always eager to better his condition and to seek advantages for his family, decided to come to Iowa. We have an interesting old letter (g) from Robert Scott of Le Claire, Iowa written Henry Siberts at Ohioville, Pa. in 1855 in answer to an inquiry about a house to rent in Le Claire and giving at some length a description of the conditions in Iowa at that time. Robert Scott's wife, Lucy (Todd) Scott, was an aunt of Mary (Kinsey) Siberts. It may have been that this letter encouraged Henry Siberts to sell his holdings in Beaver County and come to Le Claire, Iowa. The mode of travel at that time was by steamboat down the Ohio river to St. Louis and thence up the Mississippi river to Burlington, Iowa and Le Claire, two of the principal river ports at that time. Henry Siberts said, "I left Beaver Co., Pa. the 3rd day of April, 1855. I landed in Le Claire, Iowa the 18th day of April, 1855." (h) It was said by a grandchild that he brought household goods and supplies on a raft down the Ohio river.

Some old letters (k) written by relatives and friends in Beaver Co., Pa. to Rachel Siberts, indicate that the family were in Le Claire about a year. Jefferson, youngest child of Henry and Mary Siberts died June 20, 1855 and is buried in Jacks cemetery (i) at Le Claire, Iowa.

By the census of 1856 we find the Siberts family located in Henry County, Iowa. Henry Siberts rented a farm (j) from A. W. G. Davis, northwest of Winfield, adjoining the farm occupied by the

d. see appendix for d, e, f, g, etc.

W. C. Plants family, also from Beaver County, Pa. Sarah (Todd) Plants was a cousin of Mary (Kinsey) Siberts both being grandchildren of Samuel and Lucy (Shivers) Todd of Beaver Co., Pa. The Plants and Siberts families were closely associated for many years.

Henry Siberts bought a ten acre tract of timber near his residence. It was necessary that the early settlers have a strip of timber to supply the wood used by them for fuel at that time.

From the Henry County records we learn that Henry Siberts bought a quarter section of land on June 27, 1863 from the Abner Clark estate, described as S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 28, Twp. 73, Range 5. At a later date he sold the south 80 acres of this tract to his son Cyrus, where the latter made his home for a time. At the present time these two farms are known as parts of the Siberts farm and the John McAllister place, both being located one and one half miles south of Winfield on Route 78. This location became the Siberts family home for many years. Here Henry Siberts continued to raise his family and to pursue his occupation of farming.

Mary (Kinsey) Siberts was of a quiet unassuming nature, entirely devoted to her family and friends. For a number of years before her death, she suffered from ill health and was cared for by her husband and youngest son, Henry K. with the help of two granddaughters, Leila and Bessie Siberts who spent much of their younger days with their grandparents. Mary Siberts died May 27, 1888 and was buried in Winfield cemetery. Her obituary says of her, "She united with the church in 1840 and has lived a careful and consistent life, invariably loved and respected by all."

Of the children of Henry Siberts, Edward, Cyrus, Jonathan Kinsey and Henry K. were farmers; George pursued the shoemakers trade; Elizabeth married Jacob N. Malone also a shoemaker and Samuel Wesley was sent by the Methodist Mission Board to Mexico where he was a missionary for twenty years and then to Argentine, South America where he died May 3, 1908. Two children Imelda and Jefferson died in infancy. Rachel Ann married G. W. Brewington of Winfield, Iowa. She died Feb. 1, 1863 at the age of twenty two years. Edward and Cyrus Siberts served in the Union army during the Civil War.

Henry Siberts was always an active church member, having joined the Methodist church at an early age. His obituary says of him, "Until the infirmities of age prevented, he was an active member of the church. Upon his arrival in the vicinity of Winfield in 1856, he found a small class of the church of his choice, worshipping in a log house, near the creek, north of the village. He assisted in the erection of the two churches which have been used by the same society since that time and had the joy of seeing it grow in numbers This advancement is due to a considerable extent to the efficient work as a church member and the exemplary living of the deceased. The oldest church records show him to have been what

none but a devoted man of God should be, a class leader. The efficiency of his labors in that office and the esteem of the church are indicated by his repeated appointment to that office. It is needless to say a life nearly a century in length devoted to God has been and will continue to be the source of incomprehensible benefit to this community."

Church records say of him, "Henry Siberts died March 24, 1895. A pioneer, a good man, an active church official and member for many years. He was the father of the Siberts of this community." He died at the age of 84 years, 6 months and nine days and is buried in Winfield cemetery.

THE LAW FAMILY

Mention should be made here of Joana and Thomas W. Law, who lived in Pottawatomie County, Kansas. There are four letters written in 1874 and '75 from the Laws to Henry Siberts at Winfield, Iowa in which Joana calls him "uncle." She also speaks of having a cousin James Boyd.

The brothers and sisters of Henry Siberts are not known. It is evident that Joana was a child of one of them but whether her name was Siberts before her marriage is not certain.

The author visited Pottawatomie County this summer (1939) and found a record of Thomas Law and Joana having owned a quarter section of land there, which they sold in 1883.

A neighbor of the Laws, living near Omego, Kansas spoke of knowing the family well and said they had sold out and gone to Portland, Oregon about fifty years ago. The children of Thomas W. and Joana Law were, Alex., Elmer, John and Jennie.

This seems to be the only clue linking Henry Siberts with his father's family in Maryland. It is hoped that someone will solve this mystery some day.

EARLIEST MEMORIES OF GRANDFATHER SIBERTS

By Bruce Siberts and Others

In the Henry Siberts home, family worship was held regularly every day. Grandpa's prayer was always the same, at home and at church, sometimes very loud.

Grandfather Siberts made shoes for his family after coming to Iowa and the old shoemaker's bench with its leather seat is remembered by his grandchildren.

The light used by the family came from candles made in candle molds. The family meat supply was smoked in the old smoke-house.

Henry Siberts possessed a strong voice and led the singing at church by the old method of "lining out the hymns." He could be heard, at home, by the neighbors singing "Come Thou Fount of E-

ery Blessing," which was his favorite hymn.

A small patch of oats was sown each year on the farm and cut with a cradle.

There was an old Geography, in the attic, showing The Great American Dessert.

Of necessity Henry Siberts was called upon to do the housework during the last years of Mary Siberts life. He became a good cook. He could bake cookies and the cookie jar was always full.

Hazel Siberts remembers her grandfather as her first playmate. He sat under the old walnut tree by the well and amused her by the hour.

A home talent play put on at the Methodist Church in Winfield in the early days has been long remembered. This was "Ten Nights in the Bar Room" in which Henry K. Siberts played the part of the saloon keeper.

CHAPTER II

THE EDWARD SIBERTS FAMILY

(15) Edward Siberts (3) son of Henry Siberts and Elizabeth P. Murray was born in Pennsylvania on Aug. 14, 1833. He spent his childhood days in or near Ohioville, Beaver Co., Pa. He was a young man when his father came to Iowa in 1855. Since he was not listed as a member of the Henry Siberts family in the 1856 census of Henry Co., Iowa, it is thought he may have tarried with relatives and friends in Ohio or Pennsylvania and came later to the Winfield, Iowa community. He was married July 4, 1858 to Mary E. Conner at Winfield. She was the daughter of Mrs. Ann Conner and was born near Zanesville, Ohio, Nov. 3, 1835. Two children were born to them prior to 1861. On Sept. 17, 1861 Edward Siberts enlisted in the Eleventh Regiment, Company G. of the Iowa Infantry and served the Union during the Civil War until Oct. 17, 1864 when he was mustered out.

Edward Siberts and family resided on a farm northeast of Winfield where he followed the occupation of farmer and was a stock-buyer and feeder.

In 1895 the family moved to Fairbury, Nebraska where Mr. Siberts died Aug. 3, 1895. The remains were brought back to Iowa and interred in the Winfield cemetery, where his wife is also buried. She died May 11, 1911 at Fairbury, Nebr. The family were active members of the Methodist church and in community affairs.

The children born to Edward Siberts and wife were,

(16) Imelda, Dec. 16, 1859—Feb. 26, 1860

(17) Elmer Elsworth, May 16, 1861—April 14, 1919

(18) Arthur G., April 24, 1868—

(19) Edith, Dec. 27, 1870—

(20) Carl, Dec. 25, 1873—April 23, 1877

(21) Elmer Elsworth Siberts (17) was born near Winfield, Iowa. On March 24, 1885 he married Alice C. Polland. She was born May 13, 1862 in Freeland, Ohio.

Elmer E. Siberts spent his entire life in or near Winfield, Iowa, where he and his family were well and favorably known. He followed his father's occupation as stock buyer and feeder.

Mrs. Siberts was an active, wide awake woman, a member of the Methodist church of Winfield in which she took great interest. She is remembered as a home maker and an understanding companion to her children.

Elmer E. Siberts died April 14, 1919 and Mrs. Siberts, on Aug. 25, 1914. Both are buried in Winfield cemetery. They had the following children:

(22) Carl C., July 31, 1886—Oct. 8, 1918

(23) Earl E., August 31, 1889—

(24) Lyle Leslie, July 17, 1891—June 22, 1922

(25) Silver La Rue, June 21, 1895—August 28, 1896

(26) Lucille Willard, June 14, 1900—

Carl C. Siberts (22) served in the World War in France in 117 Infantry, U. S. Army, and was killed in action in Cambrai on October 8, 1918.

Earl E. Siberts (23) was in the last division of the U. S. army sent abroad during the World War. He has traveled much and visits his Siberts relatives en route.

(27) Lyle Leslie Siberts (24) was born and raised in the Winfield community, where he was well known and popular. He followed the occupation of painter and decorator. On March 15, 1917 he married Nellie Catherine Lydia Wheeler, daughter of Robert and Anne (Porter) Wheeler. To them was born one son.

(28) Robert Elsworth Siberts, June 5, 1922— He is known as "Bob" and graduated with honors from Winfield High school in May, 1939, being chosen Valedictorian and received the Lauer English Award. He is interested in Journalism and expects to prepare himself for that profession.

(29) Lucille Willard Siberts (26) was born and reared in Winfield. She married Chester Green. The Greens now reside in California. To them was born one daughter.

(30) Betty Lucille, Dec. 4, 1921—

(31) Edith Siberts (19) was born December 27, 1870 in Henry County Iowa and was married at Walton, Nebraska on February 27, 1895 to Benjamin Trev Lutes who was son of Aaron and Susan (Van Dyke) Lutes. He was born June 30, 1868 in Henry County, Iowa. Mr. Lutes ran a grocery store at York, Nebr., for a time and later was engaged in farming near Lincoln, Nebr. In 1914, the Lutes family returned to Iowa and Mr. Lutes was manager of the Packwood Elevator for sixteen years. Since that time he has been cashier of the Packwood Farmers Savings Bank.

The following children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lutes.

(32) Frank Edward, Sept. 21, 1899—

(33) Nellie May, December 10, 1903—December 20, 1903

(34) Pauline Helen, June 18, 1906—

(35) Hoyt Van Dyke, January 15, 1908—

(36) Frank E. Lutes (32) now resides at Terra Haute, Indiana where he is employed as salesman for the Wholesale Bread Company. On November 19, 1928 he married Dorothy Loraine Stuthard. She was born July 8, 1908 at Marshall, Indiana. To them were born the following children.

(37) Donald Edward, Nov. 11, 1929—

(38) Sandra Lou, March 18, 1933—

(39) Pauline Helen Lutes (34) was a Primary teacher in Dallas Center, Iowa public schools for nine years. At present she is engaged in social service work at Howell House, Chicago under the direction of the Presbyterian Church Board.

(40) Hoyt Van Dyke Lutes (35) married Mary Stever, daughter of John B. Stever on August 11, 1937 at Fairfield, Iowa. Mr. Lutes is employed in a Fairfield dry cleaning establishment.

CHAPTER III

THE MALONE FAMILY

(41) Elizabeth Siberts (8) was born at Beaver Crossing, Pa. She married Jacob Nissley Malone, who was the son of Jacob and Anna (Bradfield) Malone. He was born April 21, 1829 in Wellsville, Ohio. Mr. Malone was a shoemaker of Winfield, Iowa in the early days and later in the real estate business in Lincoln, Nebraska where the family lived for many years. He died April 22, 1912 and Mrs. Malone died January 19, 1908. Both are buried in Wynka Cemetery at Lincoln, Nebraska.

"Aunt Lizzie" Malone, as she was known to the Siberts family was of a kind and charitable disposition and held in high esteem by her relatives and friends. George Siberts (4) unmarried, was a shoemaker and made his home with his sister, Mrs. Malone. He died September 18, 1911 and is buried in Wynka Cemetery.

To Mr. and Mrs. Malone the following children were born in Winfield, Iowa, except Ella who was born in Le Claire, Iowa.

(42) Ella, April 11, 1856—May 4, 1915

(43) Edward,

Married Bertha Hedges—both deceased

(44) Lizzie—unmarried

(45) Jennie married ----- Porter. Mrs. Jennie Porter lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. Her husband is deceased.

(46) Clinton, now living in Lincoln, Nebr.

(47) Vida,

(48) Frank,

(49) Carrie, m. Harry Buckley

(50) Alice O, John and Wm. G. died in childhood. Buried at Winfield, Iowa.

(51) Ella Malone (42) married Martin Green, who was born in Virginia, Ill. He was the son of Abner and Sabina (Coulter) Green. Mr. Green was a printer while a resident of Los Angeles, Calif., and engaged in farming near Blythe and Parris, Calif. He died at Parris and is buried at Inglewood, Calif.

Mrs. Green died in Los Angeles, Calif. on May 4, 1915. She was a gifted short story writer in her earlier days and a teacher in the Iowa schools. She graduated at Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Green had the following children.

(52) Effie B., November 19, 1876—

born at Crawfordsville, Iowa

(53) Frank M., January 31, 1878—January 8, 1919

(54) Dudley W., January 30, 1880—

(55) Louise, August 22, 1882—

(56) Lottie, December 6, 1884—

(57) Edward J., October 18, 1886—

- (58) Jacob S., March 7, 1890—
- (59) Harry S., February 20, 1892—
- (60) Samuel S., August 13, 1894—
- (61) Elizabeth, August 12, 1900—August 17, 1900

(62) Effie B. Green (52) married Horace M. Miller on February 20, 1895 at Hamburg, Iowa. He is the son of John and Charlotte (Ade) Miller and was born at Herndon, Virginia in 1869. He is a printer and publisher in Los Angeles, Calif.

Before her marriage Effie Green was a teacher in the school of Fremont County, Iowa.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Miller.

- (63) Horace M., Jr., May 4, 1896—
born in Glenwood, Iowa
- (64) Ada V., October 6, 1898—
born in Hamburg, Iowa

(65) Horace M. Miller Jr. (63) married Emily Alter, September 26, 1919. He is in partnership with his father in the publishing business.

(66) Ada V. Miller (64) married Roy Erwin on September 30, 1916. They have three children, all born in Los Angeles.

- (67) Virginia, August 12, 1918—
- (68) Leroy, July 1, 1923—
- (69) Emmy Lou, June 26, 1927—

(70) Clinton Malone (46) married Iona Mable Hendrix. Their son.

(71) Ralph, married and lives in Kansas City.

(72) Vida Malone (47) married Chester Manchester. Both deceased. Their son

(73) Leroy, lives in Aurora, Ill.

(74) Frank Malone (48) married Leona Tripp. Both deceased. They had two boys, both now in Los Angeles, Calif.

- (75) Virgil, ——— 1911 ———
- (76) Herbert, ——— 1914 ———

(77) Carrie Malone (49) married Harry Buckley. He died June 27, 1939. Mrs. Buckley now lives in Kansas City, Mo.

CHAPTER IV

THE CYRUS SIBERTS FAMILY

(78) Cyrus Siberts (7) eldest child of Henry Siberts and his second wife, Mary Kinsey, was born in Ohioville, Pa., and came with his father to Iowa in 1855. On September 5, 1866 he married Lydia Bruce Terry, born January 20, 1847 at Kossuth, Iowa. She was the daughter of Sherman and Jane Terry.

Cyrus Siberts engaged in farming and the carpenter trade. The family lived on a farm about two miles south of Winfield, bought from his father. Here all of his children were born. Later the family moved to Winfield and from thence to Mt. Pleasant, Ia., in order to provide better educational advantages for the children. In 1861 he volunteered in the Fifth Iowa Infantry and later served in the Forty-fifth Iowa Infantry in the Civil War. Interesting letters, describing events of the War, written to his parents and brothers have been preserved and are now in possession of Dr. Frank L. Siberts of Geneva, Iowa.

Lydia Siberts died May 16, 1901 and Mr. Siberts, July 11, 1903. Both are buried at Winfield.

Their children were

(79) Mabel, August 15, 1867—October 2, 1921

(80) Bruce, Nov. 21, 1868—

(81) Mary (Marie) January 23, 1870—

(82) Nellie, January 23, 1875—August 7, 1876

(83) Aubrey, December 10, 1876—November 22, 1905

(84) Frank Lesley, January 11, 1879—

(85) Mabel Siberts (79) was married in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, September 21, 1887 to Albert Warren Williams. She was a school teacher, member of the Methodist church and director of the choir for many years. She was member of the D. A. R., W. C. T. U. and gave freely of her time and talents to help those less fortunate. Her children remember her as a "wonderful and understanding mother."

Albert W. Williams was the son of George Ryerson Williams and wife, Charlotte (Elerbeck) Williams and was born February 21, 1858 in Port Stanley, Ontario, Canada. Mr. Williams ran grain elevators at Topeka and Little River, Kansas until 1899 when the family went to Brentwood, Arkansas where they lived on a farm, later moved to Fayetteville, Arkansas for better educational advantages for the children. For a time Mr. Williams was collector of Internal Revenue. He was a member of the Episcopal church and a Methodist after his marriage. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America. He was a good father with high ideals. He died April 21, 1919 and is buried in Evergreen Cemetery, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Mabel Siberts Williams died October 2, 1921 in Springfield, Mo., and was returned to Fayetteville for burial. The children were

- (86) Walter Quincy, June 23, 1888—
- (87) Carrie Marie, July 21, 1889—
- (88) Grace Lydia, September 13, 1890—
- (89) Ruth, February 20, 1893—
- (90) Mary, March 28, 1894—
- (91) Edith, September 25, 1896—June 25, 1897
- (92) Edna, September 25, 1896—
- (93) Mildred, July 10, 1907—

Walter was born in Topeka, Kansas, Mildred in Fayetteville, Arkansas, and the others at Little River, Kansas.

(94) Walter Q. Williams (86) graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering and later was with the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York, for further training and has been employed by the City Water Company, Cleveland, Ohio for almost twenty years.

On October 11, 1913 he married Emma Ulrich and they have two boys, born in Cleveland.

- (95) Walter Quincy, Jr., November 18, 1920—
- (96) Douglas Edgerton, October 26, 1924—

(97) Carrie Marie Williams (87) attended Arkansas University. She did stenographic work with the General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y. On October 30, 1915, she married Loy Sydney Braley, now working for the same company. They have one son born in Schenectady.

- (98) Loy Siberts, May 3, 1926—

(99) Grace Lydia Williams (88) married Wilbur Sydney Bayley, April 11, 1909. Both attended University of Arkansas. Mr. Bayley was with the General Electric Co. until 1909 when he went into business for himself. They are now located in Canton, Ohio. One son was born to them in Lakewood, Ohio.

- (100) Wilbur Sidney, Jr., February 22, 1915—

(101) Ruth Williams (89) attended Arkansas University and later took nurses training at Springfield, (Mo.) Hospital, which was built and managed by Dr. Norman F. Terry, a brother of Mrs. Lydia (Terry) Siberts. She married Elmer H. Preneman, who is in the upholstery business at Pittsburg, Kansas. They have one daughter, born in Pittsburg.

- (102) Rosemary, November 12, 1927—

(103) Mary Williams (90) took nurses training, graduating with her sister, Ruth. Being nearly of an age, these two girls were often taken for twins. Mary saw service as an army nurse and was school nurse in Springfield, Mo., for six years. On July 6, 1929, she

married Quincy J. Jones, formerly of Wisconsin and now an attorney in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

(104) Edna Williams (92) is a college graduate and now teaches in the Indian Schools in Arizona. She married Albert F. Hinson in 1918. They have two children, both born in Washington, D. C.

(105) Mildred, May 29, 1919—

(106) Joe Warren, 1921—

(107) Mildred Williams (93) made her home with her sisters Ruth Breneman and Mary Jones after the death of their mother in 1921. She graduated from Springfield High School and attended State Teachers College. On June 1, 1927, she married Henry Harold Carter. To them a daughter was born at McPherson, Kansas.

(108) Mildred Susan, July 19, 1933—

(109) Bruce Siberts (80) eldest son of Cyrus Siberts and Lydia (Terry) Siberts was born in the family home south of Winfield, Iowa on November 21, 1868. He lived in the Winfield community and Mt. Pleasant until 1890 when he went to Black Hills, South Dakota where he was in the cattle business for a time. Later he resided in Cheyenne River and Pierre, South Dakota. On December 13, 1905 he was married to Rose Bonhuer Woodard at Pierre. She was the daughter of James and Lucy Ann Woodard and was born July 17, 1877 in Norwood, Iowa.

The following year (1906) the family went to Okmulgee, Oklahoma which has been their home since. Mr. Siberts operates a cattle ranch at Henryetta and looks after his oil interests. Three children were born to Bruce and Rose B. Siberts.

(110) Dorothy Marie, Nov. 15, 1906

(111) James Bruce, March 3, 1908—

(112) Carl Edwin, May 30, 1909—

(113) Dorothy Marie Siberts (110) was graduated from Okmulgee High School and attended Miss Barston's School in Kansas City and also Wisconsin University. On February 15, 1930 she married Roger Guy Williams. He was born July 12, 1904 in Aurora, Mo., the youngest child of eleven children of Rev. Andrew J. and Ida (Atkinson) Williams. He is now salesman for the Cities Service Oil Co. The Williams family live in Oklahoma City, Okla., and have one son, born in Okmulgee.

(114) Roger Guy, Jr., Jan. 14, 1931—

(115) James Bruce Siberts (111) was married to Elizabeth Ruth Wimbish at Ada, Oklahoma, June 24, 1929.

(116) Carl Edwin Siberts (112) is to be married October 14, 1939 to Louise Jeffries of Clarendan, Ark.

(117) Mary (Marie) Siberts (81) was born near Winfield, January 23, 1870. She attended Iowa Wesleyan College at Mt. Pleasant for a time and has since been a teacher, editor, writer and Tea Room owner and operator in Chicago. She spent a year in Europe and has traveled much elsewhere. On May 3, 1893 she married George Brandenburg, son of Joseph and Nancy (Hines) Brandenburg, who was born in West Woodville in Clermont Co., Ohio.

Mr. Brandenburg founded the town of Wheatland, No. Dakota, where he was merchant, banker, postmaster and wheat grower. Later he was in the real estate business in Chicago, a brick manufacturer and mine owner and operator in Brazil, Indiana. He was a member of the North Dakota legislature and prominent in Republican politics. The Brandenburgs had one daughter. (118) Josephine Margaret, born in Chicago, November 7, 1894—

(119) Josephine Margaret Brandenburg (118) graduated at Englewood, Ill., High School and attended the University of Chicago. She is the author of several books. On March 30, 1918 she married Harry M. Beardsley who is now on the editorial staff of the Chicago Daily News. He served in the World War on the Photographic Division in Vladivostok, Siberia. The Beardsley family reside in Wheaton, Ill. and have three children.

(120) Barbara M., July 27, 1920—

(121) Harrison T., July 22, 1922—

(122) Cynthia Jane, May 11, 1924—

(123) Aubrey Siberts (83) born near Winfield, Iowa, lived in Mount Pleasant until 1902 when he moved to Boulder, Colo. on account of poor health. He attended Iowa Wesleyan College and worked as a clerk in a store and later as a surveyor. He became a mail clerk, having a run between Des Moines and Kansas City.

On June 19, 1901 Aubrey Siberts was married to Myrtle Lafferty at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She was born June 11, 1879 and is the daughter of John and Martha (Campbell) Lafferty. Mr. Siberts died in November 22, 1905 and is buried in Forest Home Cemetery at Mt. Pleasant.

Two children were born to this union,

(124) Dorothy May, June 12, 1902—June 1, 1917

(125) Miriam Ruth, December 1, 1905—born at Boulder, Colo.

(126) Dr. Frank L. Siberts (84) graduated from Medical course at State University of Iowa on June 14, 1904 and was married the same day to Ollie Edith Dixon. She was born on September 16, 1879 and is the daughter of B. F. and Sarah Jane (Minsher) Dixon of Washington, Iowa.

One daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. Siberts at Geneva, Iowa where the family now reside.

(127) Esther Valetta, April 11, 1905—

(128) Esther Valetta Siberts (127) attended college at Iowa Wesleyan, Mount Pleasant, Iowa and graduated at the Conservatory of Music in 1922. In 1932 she married Ross Wells Kruser, son of Wells Ross and Lavena Kruser. Mr. Kruser is a civil engineer in the employment of the United States government at Washington, D. C. The Krusers live at Arlington, Va. They have one daughter,

(129) Patricia Jean, May 2, 1939—

**EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS WRITTEN BY CYRUS SIBERTS
FROM THE SOUTH DURING THE CIVIL WAR**

**READ BY DR. FRANK SIBERTS AT THE SIBERTS REUNION AT
SAUNDERS PARK, MOUNT PLEASANT, IOWA, JULY 9, 1939**

A lot of unrelated facts woven together from day to day make up life. So too, history is made. I have here some evidence of history in the making. These are a few gleanings from letters written by Cyrus Siberts to his parents and brothers while serving in the Union Army during the Civil War.

He was sworn in May 23, 1861, and soon after, in a letter to his brother says:

July 3, Wolf Road, Tenn. "We expected to be shot into on the road. Every man had his gun loaded and ready. We were all in open cars. The place where they fired into the train the day before was in a cut twenty feet deep. The rebel cavalry ride up to the road, fire into the cars and then put spurs to their horses. They take no prisoners. There were ten of our men shot in the woods not far from here. When found, they had been formed into line and shot."

July 1, Headquarters. "I received a letter from Wes and Kin, which I have answered. The last I have heard from you was in a letter from Mary, which I received the 6th. P. S. Hank, how is my gray colt? If you don't salt him, I will tend to you when I get home."

"August 18, Moscow, Tenn. These old, long-necked women don't like to see us come. They know we are death on milk, corn bread and chicken. They talk about southern beauties. I would like to see one. All I have seen are these long-necked, long-backed, long-all-over ones, with their mouths smeared with snuff. They are regular grayhounds, long-winded and long-tongued."

Sept. 7, Memphis, Tenn. Chickens are \$15.00, eggs \$1.50 per doz., potatoes \$4.00, everything else in proportion."

Nov. 2, 1864, Indianapolis. "I have been looking for Ed all along the road, but don't much expect to see him, as we have to go again tonight. He might pass us and I not know it."

Near Savannah, Ga. "Yesterday, the 20th, the corps was review-

ed, got a good look at renowned generals, such as Sherman, Howard, J. C. Davis, Blair and the Lord knows how many more. Potatoes, 25 cents, apples \$1.00 for a half doz., \$10.00 for a canteen of whiskey. Never will I get drunk. Send me some socks, one darning needle and a fine comb."

March 13, 1865. Fayetteville, N. C. "We have nearly finished one of the grandest campaigns that history can record. I first faced artillery fire after wading a swamp waist deep, and on to Columbia, N. C. We drew no rations but coffee and sugar, foraged the rest. Imagine 60,000 men going through a country and living off of it."

March 27, Goldborough, N. C. "Brothers Wes and Kin and all the rest of the family. Received a letter last night, the first since we left Beauford, three months ago. We hadn't gone far when we ran into the cavalry. Skirmished all day, driving them about eight miles. They got mad in the evening and didn't drive worth a cent. Sherman had his congratulatory letter read. He said after a march of 500 miles through impassable swamps and without rations, we whipped the enemy on his chosen ground. A dirtier, raggeder bunch of men never was seen, one-third of the boys barefooted. Talk of your sunny south, we have traveled over some of the most God-forsaken country on the continent. Some of the inhabitants are so ignorant they don't know how old they are. Kin had better improve his writing by writing more often. Will send Hank some more money. It is the best of rebel money, and I have any amount of it."

April 2. "New clothes. Some rumor, thousand graybacks actually starved to death. I was sorry to hear of grandmother's death. The old must die and the young may. It will be quite a loss to Uncle Sam (Kinsey.) I wrote to Lucy. I am worried about Ed's health."

August 21, Moscow, Tenn. "I was uneasy about Ed, and was glad to hear he was all right. They had a bloody battle, and many a brave boy sleeps the sleep that knows no awakening, but such are the fortunes of war."

CHAPTER V

THE KINSEY SIBERTS FAMILY

(130) Jonathan Kinsey Siberts (10) was born August 11, 1843 in Beaver County, Pa. He came with his parents to Iowa in 1855.

"Kin" Siberts followed the occupation of farming and resided near Winfield and Albia, Iowa. In 1867 he married Frances Charlotte Lowrey who was his first wife and mother of his children. She was born April 6, 1850 near Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and was the daughter of John Lowrey. Mrs. Siberts died August 28, 1879 near Winfield and is buried in Winfield Cemetery.

Kin Siberts second wife was Elmira Ann Kirby. She died October 10, 1887. He was married the third time to Mrs. Dorothy Crowel of Albia, Iowa.

Mr. Siberts died January 16, 1906 and is buried at Shannon City, Iowa.

To Kinsey Siberts and Frances C. Lowrey the following children were born,

(131) Leila Florence, Oct. 10, 1868—

(132) William Wallace, ----- 1870—Jan. 22, 1911 buried in St. Louis, Mo. married Minnie Easter in 1904. Had one child, Roy Siberts, Aug. 10, 1907.

(133) Bessie May, April 30, 1871— (twin)

(134) Pearl, May 1, 1871—September 11, 1871 (twin)

(135) Clyde Henry, October 10, 1876—

(136) Lawrence Ambrose, October 10, 1878—

(137) Leila Florence Siberts (131) was born near Winfield, Iowa. She assumed much of the responsibility of her brothers and sisters after the death of her mother. She was a great help to her grandparents with whom she spent much of her time in her younger days. She has meant much to her parents, grandparents and her own family and is loved and respected by all.

On March 15, 1892 she was married to Howard Fenton at Winfield, Iowa. The Rev. S. W. Siberts performed the ceremony.

Howard Fenton was born April 23, 1869 and was the son of Benjamin F. and Sarah E. (Cower) Fenton. He died November 11, 1934 and is buried at Prairie Grove (Friends) Cemetery near Winfield, Iowa.

To Mr. and Mrs. Fenton the following children were born,

(138) Bessie Fay, April 20, 1893—

(139) Harry Leigh, January 21, 1895—

(140) Otis Leland, February 23, 1897—

(141) Bennie Kinsey, November 6, 1900—

(142) Frances Olive, February 2, 1909—

(143) Bessie Fay Fenton (138) was married December 15,

1915 to Orrel D. Boal. He was born May 9, 1889, the son of George and Elizabeth (Wertenberger) Boal of Marion Township, Henry County, Iowa. To Mr. and Mrs. Boal the following children were born

- (144) Frances Irene, December 8, 1916—(twins both
- (145) Mary Pauline, December 8, 1916—died at birth)
- (146) Helen Margaret, November 23, 1918—
- (147) Howard Freeman, Nov. 19, 1919—
- (148) Charles Otis, July 16, 1921—
- (149) Everett Allen, November 15, 1924—
- (150) Robert Dwayne, June 21, 1926—
- (151) Willard George, January 31, 1928—
- (152) Wesley Dean, August 25, 1930
- (153) William Elvis, April 1, 1932—
- (154) Glenda Rae, Sept. 10, 1935—

(155) Helen Margaret Boal (146) married Allen M. Kirk, June 15, 1936 at Rock Island, Ill. He is the son of William and Jessie (Carver) Kirk and was born February 16, 1917 at Ottumwa, Iowa. Since 1931 he has lived in Mt. Pleasant until 1939 when he and family moved to Iowa City, Iowa. He is employed as a construction laborer. Mr. and Mrs. Kirk have one son, born at Iowa City, Iowa,

- (156) Jerry Allen, June 4, 1937—

(157) Harry Leigh Fenton (139) works for the John Deere Factory and lives in Rock Island, Ill. On June 9, 1919 he married Delilah Margaret Smith, born October 1897, the daughter of Harry K. and Margaret (McKee) Smith. The Fentons have one son, born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa

- (158) Donald Smith, July 15, 1921—

(159) Otis Leland Fenton (140) married Helen Barton in March, 1922. She is the daughter of Edwin and Jean (Lawrence) Barton. They had two children,

- (160) Edwin Howard, August 15, 1923—
- (161) Donna Jean, May 15, 1928—

(162) Bennie Kinsey Fenton (141) married Lucile Hough on April 11, 1924 in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. She is the daughter of Oliver and Lenora (Cooper) Hough. Mr. Fenton works for the Olds Elevator Company, Olds, Iowa. One child was born to the Fentons,

- (163) Louise Honora, June 14, 1925—born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

(164) Bessie May Siberts (133) third child of Kinsey Siberts and wife. Frances Lowrey, was born near Winfield, Iowa. Her twin, Pearl) died the year of her birth. Bessie May married Allen Manford Hixon in 1888. He served the Burlington railroad as telegraph opera-

tor and freight commissioner for many years. He is retired now. The family live in Des Moines, Iowa. They have two sons, both born at Winfield, Iowa.

(165) Roy Allen, March 20, 1889—

(166) Leslie Wm. Oct. 9, 1892—

(167) Ray Allen Hixon (165) married Gwendolyn Mackey, July 4, 1922. Mr. Hixon is traveling salesman for the Armond Cosmetic Co. and lives in Des Moines..

(168) Leslie Wm. Hixon (166) married Blanche A. Smith, December 28, 1919. Mr. Hixon is salesman for the Globe Knitting Works of Grand Rapids, Mich. They have one daughter,

(169) Barbara Jane, March 13, 1929

(170) Clyde Henry Siberts (135) was born near Winfield, Iowa. He married Etta ----- He is a carpenter and lives in Glenwood, Iowa.

(171) Lawrence Ambrose Siberts (136) married Laura M. Pou, Sept. 2, 1911 dau. of Wm. H. and Mary (Hubbard) Pou.

They live in Memphis, Tennessee, and have one daughter.

(172) Mary Frances, Dec. 18, 1913—

Mary Frances Siberts married Jack Ernest Hale on April 18, 1935 at Memphis, Tenn. He is the son of Ernest M. and Gertrude (Anderson) Hale.

The Hales have one daughter, Mary Virginia, April 8, 1939—

CHAPTER VI

REV. S. W. SIBERTS AND FAMILY

(173) Samual Wesley Siberts (11) was born in Ohioville, Pa., June 19, 1847. He took an M. S. degree from Iowa Wesleyan college at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and Ph. D. degree from Boston University. He was sent as missionary to Mexico by the Methodist Episcopal Mission Board from 1876-1896. He was President of a Theological school in Mexico City, Mexico for five years. Returning to Iowa in 1896 he was Presiding elder for five years and Director of the Nicholas Iowa Institute.

On September 4, 1873 Rev. Siberts married Mary Elizabeth Ferris of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa who was also a graduate of Iowa Wesleyan college.

Rev. Siberts was sent as missionary to South America in 1899 and died March 3, 1908 in Buenos Aires, Argentine and is buried in the British section of Chacarita Cemetery of that city. Mrs. Siberts died November 22, 1934 and is buried at Los Angeles, Calif.

Rev. and Mrs. Siberts had five children,

(174) Paul Raymond, November 29, 1875—November 22, 1936

(175) Bessie Jewel, December 6, 1877—

(176) Olive Ruth, December 29, 1881—

(177) Winnifred Ferris, June 23, 1884—

(178) Sarah Miriam, July 12, 1890—January —, 1922.

(179) Dr. Paul Raymond Siberts (174) was born in Boston, Mass. and died in Los Angeles, Calif., and is buried there in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. He graduated in medical course at Northwestern University at Evanston, Ill.

During the World War, Dr. Siberts was a major in the Medical corps in the Reserve Army and Captain of the Medical Corps in France. While seeing service in France he received a spinal injury which later caused his death.

On July 14, 1904 Dr. Siberts married Gretta Minnie Sidebotham in Chicago, Ill. She was born in Iowa City, Iowa, November 26, 1878 and was the daughter of Samuel B. and Minnie (Schevar) Sidebotham. Mrs. Siberts died June 18, 1937 in Los Angeles, Calif.

To Dr. and Mrs. Siberts the following children were born,

(180) Minetta Elizabeth, January 21, 1906—

(181) Paul Junior, January 11, 1907—

(182) Charrison Wesley, January 2, 1912—

(183) Minetta Elizabeth Siberts (180) was born in Cylon, Wisconsin. On June 10, 1925 she married Charles B. Keller. They have one son

(184) Burton,

(185) Paul Junior Siberts (181) was born in Chicago, Ill. He married Lucilla Belle Weaver on September 14, 1930. They have one child,

(186) Paula Jean, Oct. 10, 1934

(187) Charrison Wesley Siberts (182) married Ruth Eleanor Rogers on Oct. 2, 1938.

(188) Bessie Jewel Siberts (175) was born in Mexico City, Mexico. She attended school in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa and graduated from Northwestern Academy in 1897. On August 18, 1898 she married Camp Walter Wilson in Evanston, Illinois. He is the son of James D. and Anna Elizabeth Wilson and was born at Paxton, Ill. The Wilsons own and operate a large grocery store in Van Nuys, California where they have lived for some time. To Mr. and Mrs. Wilson the following children were born,

(189) Elizabeth, born in Denver, Colo.

(190) Laura, born in Omaha, Nebr.

(191) James, born at Lincoln, Nebr. died July 22, 1920 and is buried at Long Beach, Calif.

(192) Elizabeth Wilson (189) married Edward Hamilton. They have two children,

(193) Richard,

(194) Robert)

(195) Laura Wilson (190) married Raymond Rockwell. They live in California and have two children.

(196) Laura Alice,

(197) Betty Joan.

(198) Olive Ruth Siberts (176) was born in Mexico City, Mexico. She graduated at Northwestern University in 1905. She has been very successful as a teacher of deaf children and now has charge of the Department for Deaf Children in Denver, Colo., public schools. On June 20, 1910 she married Joseph Henry Rogers, a mining geologist and graduate of Northwestern. He was born December 3, 1879 at Charleroi, Pa., and is the son of Wm. Knox and Sarah Elizabeth (Spahr) Rogers. Mr. and Mrs. Rogers have two children,

(199) Olive Elizabeth, August 18, 1911—

(200) William Knox, December 3, 1912—

(201) Olive E. Rogers (199) graduated at the American University at Washington, D. C. in 1932. She married Frederic J. Brosh on June 23, 1937.

(202) Wm. Knox Rogers (200) graduated at Denver University 1937 and is now Boys Counsellor at the Iowa State School for the Deaf at Council Bluffs

(203) Winnifred Ferris Siberts (177) was born in Pueblo, Mexico. She received her education in the schools of Mt. Pleasant Iowa where she lived with her Ferris grandparents and graduated from Northwestern University in 1908. She taught school until her marriage to Edward Garfield Montgomery in Seattle, Washington, Aug. 9, 1913. He was the son of Donald and Margaret (Montgomery) Montgomery and was born April 30, 1881 in Aurora, Ill. He was a graduate of Northwestern University.

From 1914 to 1931 the Montgomery family lived in Brookings, So. Dak., and from 1931 to 1937 in Sioux City, Iowa where Mr. Montgomery's business was real estate loans. On August 27, 1937 he was accidently shot while cleaning his shot-gun. He is buried in Grace-land Cemetery, Sioux City, Ia.

Mrs. Montgomery moved to Iowa City in 1938 where three of the children are attending the University of Iowa. Robert S. is an assistant manager of the J. C. Penney Co. store in Waterloo, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Montgomery had the following children, all born in Brookings, So. Dak.

(204) Robert Siberts, July 16, 1914

(205) Paul Wesley, July 12, 1916—

(206) Gordon Wendell, June 23, 1918—

(207) Alice Miriam, November 27, 1919

(208) Donald James, March 4, 1921—

(209) Sarah Miriam Siberts (178) was born in Mexico City, Mexico. She was a missionary of the Methodist Episcopal church, in Lima, Peru, S. A. when she married Maynard Morley, also a missionary. The Morleys returned to Long Beach, Calif. on account of Miriam's health. They had one daughter (210) Miriamcita, who died at the same time the mother did in January, 1922.

Mr. Morley was an instructor in aviation at the time of his death, June 5, 1922 at Lynwood, Calif. Both are buried in Long Beach, Cal.

**Excerpts from Rev. S. W. Sibert's letters from Mexico to his parents.
Oct. 21, 1878**

We have fifty in our school now and are teaching them the way of the Christian life as best we can: they seem eager to learn.

I preached twice today and conducted the Sunday school. I preached twice today and conducted the Sunday school. I am very tired but I am preaching God's gospel and I love my work.

Butter here costs at times \$1.00 a pound so we have bought a cow and so Bessie makes all the butter we can use and the new baby is now getting good, pure milk.

Every one here advises us to send our children home to the States as soon as they are ready for school, we would not think of sending them to a native school.

The longer we are away from home the more we long for letters from you all. Please write often, for we do get very lonesome for our own dear ones.

The interest in our teaching constantly increases. Young men gather around me asking me to pray for them.

I hope that you will remember us in your prayers as we remember you nightly in ours. Pray that our hands and hearts may be upheld so that our work may be a success for God's own glory.

I doubt not that God will hear our prayers and answer them in his own good time.

I have found many hours of solace and comfort in the sublime truths contained in the Precious Book.

I am persuaded that nothing outside of the Bible and the Saviour revealed therein can bring lasting peace.

CHAPTER VII

THE HENRY K. SIBERTS FAMILY

(211) Henry Kossuth Siberts (13) was born in Ohioville, Pa., and was but four years of age when he came with his parents to Iowa. A younger brother, Jefferson, died and is buried at LeClaire, Iowa. Henry received his education in the Henry County schools and in the Washington (Iowa) Academy. His book shelf was filled with books of poetry of which he was a great lover. He was known as "Hank" in the Winfield community and was jovial and popular with his friends and neighbors. He was a steward in the Winfield Methodist Church and an officer of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Winfield.

It fell to Henry K. Siberts to care for his parents in their old age. His mother, Mary Siberts, died May 27, 1888. The following year he married Mary Elizabeth Griffith at Uniontown, Pa. on March 13, 1889. She was the daughter of Horatio N. and Harriet (Smiley) Griffith and was born in Fayette Co., Pa. on Feb. 23, 1849. She was graduated from Adrian College at Adrian, Mich. in 1873 receiving a B. S. degree. She later taught in the public schools of Connellsville, Pa. and Henry County, Iowa where she lived with her brother and where she met Mr. Siberts. She taught the Smokey Hall school about 1879 or 1880 after which she returned to Pennsylvania which was her home until her marriage on March 13, 1889.

Henry K. Siberts and wife lived on the farm with his father Henry Siberts, until the death of the latter in 1895. after which they moved to Washington, Iowa. For a time he clerked in a grocery store and later entered business for himself in the Feed and Grain business with a partner, Harry Boice son of the late Dr. J. C. Boice of Washington. Six weeks later Henry K. Siberts died of injuries received when a horse ran away with him. He died Sept. 14, 1899 and Mary E. Siberts on November 21, 1925. Both are buried in Elm-grove cemetery at Washington, Iowa. They had one daughter, the writer of this Siberts family history.

(212) Hazel Griffith, April 21, 1890—

Hazel G. Siberts was educated in the Washington, Iowa public schools and attended Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan for two years. In 1915 she graduated from the Primary Teachers Course at Iowa State Teachers College at Cedar Falls, Iowa and again in 1929 with an A. B. degree. She was a member of Pi Beta Alpha. She attended the Graduate School at the State University of Iowa at Iowa City, Iowa the following year.

For a number of years she was a primary teacher in the public schools of Monmouth, Ill. and Marengo, Iowa and later engaged in social service work in Davenport and Waterloo, Iowa. Her latest venture is genealogical research and the compilation of the Siberts history in which she has attempted to set forth the known facts of the lives of Henry Siberts and his descendants in the hope that it will be of some value to the members of this family now living and those of future generations.

CHAPTER VIII

THE ANCESTRY OF MARY KINSEY SIBERTS

Considerable research has been done in tracing the ancestry of the Todd family of Beaver County, Pa. The following outline shows the ancestry of Mary Kinsey Siberts with proofs in so far as it has been traced.

1. Alexander Todd (1736-1808) married Rachel Warfield (see Maryland Historical Magazine, Vol. 15, pg. 117.)

Alexander Todd took oath of allegiance in 1778 in Ann Arundel County, Md. (In Mary. Hist. Mag. Vol. 7, pg. 303.)

Will of Alexander Todd, dated June 10, 1796 filed in Frederic Co., Md. on Nov. 7, 1808. Recorded in Liber R. B. No. 1. Children mentioned with wife Rachel, are.

Benjamin, Basil, Elizabeth Beventon, Rachel Bidel, Lucy, Alexander, Joshua, Warfield. ♡ **SAMUEL.**

The Biddels, Bevingtons (Beventon) and Samuel Todd emigrated to Beaver Co., Pa.

(Records at Beaver, Pa. Court House)

2. Samuel Todd will dated Jan. 14, 1841 filed Nov. 14, 1844 Beaver Co., Pa. He married Lucy Shivers.

Tombstone records, Laughlin cemetery near Ohioville, Pa.

Samuel Todd, born 1765, died Nov. 8, 1844.

Lucy Todd born Oct. 23, 1776, died March 28, 1844.

3. Elizabeth Todd 1790-1865, married Henry Kinsey, died 1819

12. Record Henry Kinsey Estate—see appendix.

or 1820. The children were (k)

Zebulon 1806-1866 m. Susan Smith

Rachel m. Wm. D. Hambell

Mary, 1813-1888 m. Henry Siberts

Samual 1816-1882 m. Malinda Hamil

Jonathan 1819-1858 m. Margaret A. Thompson

k. See appendix—letter of Zebulon Kinsey

APPENDIX

a. The last Will and Testament of Nicholas Seibert of Hagarstown, Maryland, dated May 14, 1820, probated June 6, 1820 and recorded in Liber C, page 97 mentions the following children, Sharlot, Magdaline, Philip and Henry.

Since the above date is so near the date of the indenture of Henry Seibert (Feb. 13, 1821) by the Orphan's Court at Hagarstown, it is thought that this Nicholas Siebert (Seibert) may have been Henry Seibert's father.

b. The Indenture of Henry Seiberts to Anthony Campbell as taken from "Indentures" Liber 3, folio 200 on file in the Register of Wills office at Hagarstown is as follows.

By the Orphans' Court, February 13, 1821, Henry Seibert aged about twelve years, is by this Court bound unto Anthony Campbell to learn the business of a Cordwainer, until he shall arrive at the age of twenty-one years, said Master to find and provide for said apprentice, good and sufficient meat, drink, washing, lodging and clothing fit and convenient for such an apprentice to send him to school to learn to read, write and cypher through the rule of three and when free to give him ten pounds current money.

Test: George C. Smoot, Register

Enrolled 13th of February, 1821.

c. Deed for lot in Fairview, Ohio, Aug. 8, 1836 to Henry Siberts by John Calvin.

Recorded Deed Book W page 328-329.

d. Records from Henry Siberts Bible now in possession of Bruce Siberts of Henryetta, Oklahoma.

e. History of Beaver Co., Pa. by Bausman. Vol. II, page 935.

f. This is to certify that Henry Siberts has served seven years in succession in full uniform in the Volunteer Company called the Beaver County Rangers.

June 28th A. D. 1845. Capt. Samuel Dawson.

In possession of Hazel Siberts.

g. Letter of Robert Scott to Henry Siberts.

(Direct to box 50)

LeClaire, Scott County, Iowa Feb. 16th 1855.

Mr. Henry Siberts,

Dear Sir I received your letter of Feb. 7th, Today and I made some enquirees about a house to rent for you in town as I do not know of any house to rent in the country and a Mr. Davenport told me that he thought he would have some houses empty about the 1st of march or the first of April but none empty at this time and if he had any empty I should have it for you Davenport owns a number of houses in LeClaire and I concider rents very high, as a general thing there is no difficulty in renting by the month and as a general thing houses cannot be built here as fast as they are wanted. Anew 2 horse wagon here is worth 80 dollars and they are asking from 100 to 150 and sometimes over 150 dollars for a good horse.

cows sell at about from 20 to 40 dollars each, wheat 85 cents at the present for today but may not be more than 80 cents prices here very uncertain corn 30 cents oats 25 potatoes 1.00 pork sold for 4 cents and one of our neighbors sold 20 thousand pounds of pork this fall which brought him 8 hundred dollars and considerable number of farmers here even this dry season have 1000 bushels of wheat to sell One old bachelor has 1800 bushels to sell yet and he sold 4 or 5 hundred dollars worth of pork this fall and he told me today that he sold 5 hundred \$ worth of fruit off his orchard and neighbors have told me that the same individual was not worth one dollar when he came here. I believe this is a very good country for industrious enterprising men but the opposite characters are better some where else.

Shoe and boot making command about the same price here that they do with you. Wages for other work generally a good deal higher harvesting hand from 16 to 18 per month and bindery in harvest from 125 to 150 per day a wagon and team in LeClaire get from 2.00 to 2.50 per day and plenty to do at that or it has been so the last season John Scott has got a gal and lives in one room in our house A Mr McCoy lives in a house on the farm and there is another old house on the farm about 16 by 18 which could be fixed up on a pinch for a small family to live in in the summer season. no person has lived in it since I came here. I brought three bedsteads and bureau and a bookcase with us and we would done better if we had brought more as our goods only cost us $\frac{1}{2}$ cent per pound to LeClaire and furniture sold for about half price and here it is a little higher than with you and that is cash. fraits (freights) are a little higher than when we came land is high here now. One hundred thousand emigrants came to Iowa the past season and it is hard to tell the number that will come next season it may an advantage to write to me more particularly about your views and wishes and I may be able to give some information on some other things. all well

Respectfully

Robt Scott

h. Henry Siberts note left by him in his own handwriting.

"I left Beaver Co. Pa. the 3rd day of April, 1855. I landed in LeClaire, Iowa the 18th day of April, 1855.

I moved to the place where I live April 18, 1866. I was born in Hagarstown, Washington Co, Md. June 15, 1810."

i. Jack's Cemetery LeClaire, Iowa.

Jefferson

son of

H. and M. Siberts

died

June 20, 1855

Aged 11 mo, 11 days.

Anna M. and Sibert B., children of J. N. and E. Malone are also buried here.

j. Rent record, Book O, page 622. Henry Co. Ia.

Henry Siberts from A. W. G. Davis

Lease dated Dec. 21, 1858

k. Letter of Zebulon Kinsey to Henry and Mary Syberts. Also letters from relatives in Beaver Co., Pa. to Henry and Mary Siberts and to Rachel Siberts.

Dubuque 21 Nov 1858

Henry and Mary Syberts

Dear Friends

I received a letter yesterday morning from brother Samuel Kinsey wherein he writes the sorrowful news that brother Johnathan died at 1:30 o'clock on the morning of the 18th of this month. Samuel requested me to write to you on the subject.

While we grieve for the loss of our brother and sympathize with his family and with each other over our great loss we are truthfully reminded of our certain fate as to our sojourn here below. It therefore admonishes us to be prepared for the end of our career here below, and to be prepared for a futurity without end.

He has left a widow and a large family of orphan children and in a situation I fear that they have not much means for their support, not over \$1,500 or \$2,000 at most. The Doctors differ as to the cause of his death and they did expect to make an examination of his body to learn the cause of his death. He has been very sick for a long time. Samuel took him to Pittsburg to a noted doctor there from New York. But all would not do. He had to go the way that we all will have to travel in a few short years at the farthest.

We are in our usual health. I have been afflicted considerably this winter with inflammatory rheumatism but am now in good health. Nancy is still in a bad situation as to her mind and I fear she will never be better. Elizabeth Bradley is well. Also her husband, Henry and Smith are well. Smith has been at home about two months from Dakota Territory. The last account we have had from you is a letter written on the 12 of January last by J. Malone. I replied to it but have not heard from him or you since. Mother was at Liverpool at the time of J. K.'s death and is in good health.

We have had very hard times and expect harder times this winter but hope to see better days soon.

I hope this will find you all prosperous and happy. We all send you our best respects and also to Malone and his family. Say to them to write and also write yourselves soon.

Yours truly,

Zebulon Kinsey.

Note "Mother—at Liverpool," is Elizabeth Todd. Her name at this time was Caughey, widow of Patric Caughey, her second husband.

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